

PAST WINNERS

- ◆ Bellport High School
- ◆ Brentwood School District
- ◆ Candlewood Middle School
- ◆ Dawnwood Middle School
- ◆ East Hampton High School
- ◆ East Moriches Middle School
- ◆ East Quogue Elementary School
- ◆ EJ Bosti Elementary School
- ◆ Greenport UFSD
- ◆ Kreamer Street Elementary School
- ◆ LaFrancis Hardiman & MLK Jr. Elementary
- ◆ Mattituck High School
- ◆ Newfield High School
- ◆ Oxhead Road School
- ◆ Philips Ave School
- ◆ Reed Middle School
- ◆ Roanoke Ave Elementary School
- ◆ Selden Middle School
- ◆ Shoreham-Wading River High School
- ◆ Washington Primary School
- ◆ West Hollow Middle School
- ◆ West Islip High School
- ◆ Westhampton Beach Elementary School



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Agriculture in the Classroom Grant Program

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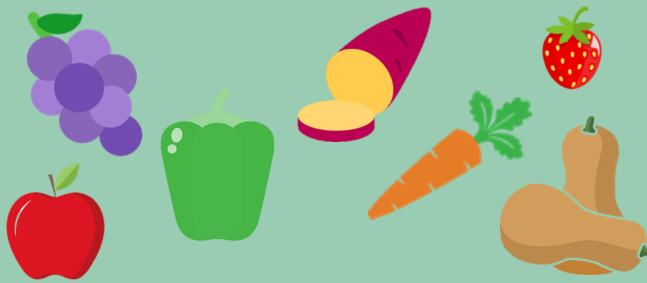
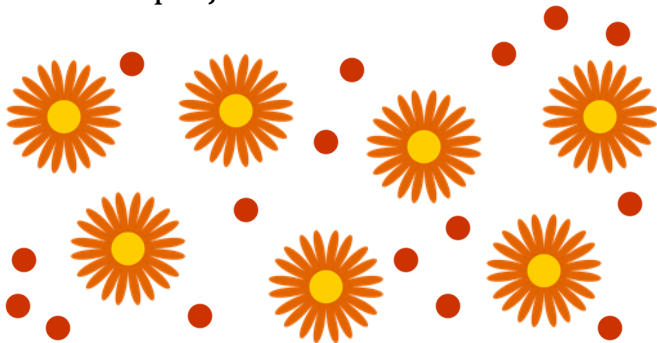


WHAT IS THE AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM PROGRAM?

Since 2017, the District has administered and facilitated the Agriculture in the Classroom Grant Program in order to develop, sustain, and expand agricultural education programs in K-12 schools throughout Suffolk County.

The goal of this program is to increase the awareness and understanding of local agricultural production in Suffolk County and to strengthen the connection students have with healthy, fresh, local foods, as well as to provide unique educational opportunities that are not always available in schools.

The grant program is small yet highly competitive. Applicants can request funds ranging between \$500-\$3,000 for their projects.



This grant provides funding for curricula aimed at increasing student awareness of growing food. These include, but are not limited to:

Programs in an indoor setting

- Grow lights/grow table
- Hydroponics/Aquaponics

Programs in an outdoor setting

- Raised garden beds
- Greenhouses
- High Tunnels/Hoop Houses
- Pollinator Habitat

Incorporating agriculture into K-12 education is especially important in places like Suffolk County, where urban populations have little understanding of, or exposure to farmland and agricultural practices. As areas around Suffolk County's farmlands become increasingly developed, it is important that the younger generations have an understanding of agriculture so that they may better relate to their local farming community.

HOW CAN MY SCHOOL APPLY?

Step 1: Find, Download, and Review the grant RFP; located on our website: www.suffolkswcd.org

Step 2: Create an application you and your school support and are able to implement by following the format and guidance in the RFP

Step 3: Submit your application via email no later than March 11th, 2022

Applicants are encouraged to create or expand agricultural school programs that rely on student interaction, and hands-on learning with the project. The application process takes place during the winter months and winners are alerted in the late spring/early summer. Winners have until December 31st 2022 to utilize all grant funds awarded by the District.

